

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, January 8 at Music and Arts in Sterling. Members present included Lydia Kriso, Jane Webb, Jeri Bennett, Claudia Libero, Sherri Stricker, Silvia McPherson, Kathleen Hall, Karen Pino, Suzanne Sorensen, Sharon Reck, Libby McConnell, Ellen Ortega, Shohreh Ghajar, Judith Marcinko, Beverly Teague, Arlene Manger, Nora Hamerman, Diane Kimble, Bonnie Hudson, Sandy Titus, Nancy Plourde, Sandy Isaacs, Phyllis Vickers, Elza Ritter, Debra Gunnerson, and Maria Baylock.

President Sharon Reck called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. She introduced an idea to change the FLMF cancelation policy regarding a Fairfax County Schools delay. This would help us avoid rebooking speakers and meeting locations. The context is that today's meeting would have been canceled per FLMF policy, as Fairfax County Schools were delayed by two hours. However, since the reason for delay was cold weather rather than unsafe driving conditions, a board decision was made to hold the meeting as scheduled. Please email Sharon or Lydia Kriso if you have strong opinions on this subject. A vote will be taken at the February meeting.

The November minutes were read by Secretary Libby McConnell and accepted.

Sandy Baker emailed a treasurer's report to Sharon. We have \$21,268.32 in the checking account. A profit/loss statement was available for members to review. Income (not expenses) for the Ensemble Festival is included. The Dulles Holiday Recitals raised \$2,500 for MusicLink. Because Sandy donated online on "Giving Tuesday," the gift was matched, making our contribution \$5000. The Purdons donated the pianos, so there was no expense for rental. The sound system from the Catoctin School of Music helped amplify the musicians over the mall's piped-in music. FLMF gave Wayne Estes of Catoctin a \$100 gift card in thanks. Performance certificates are available from Sandy Baker if they have not already been received.

The Piano Company would like to remind teachers of their new store opening at Dulles Town Center.

Jeri Bennett will send an email to ask which teachers need students, with the explanation that teachers looking for other teachers with openings will contact Jeri. We have two new members: Jennifer Vogel, a voice teacher in Herndon, and Esther Edwards, a piano teacher in South Riding. We need to clarify on our website that the reduced membership rate of \$20 takes effect in January.

Debra Gunnerson reminds members that the May recital is on Saturday, May 17 this year. She will fill the first two recital hours before opening the third hour.

Gretel von Pischke has agreed to host the annual soiree again at her home. Sharon suggests we choose Saturday, March 22 as this year's date. Watch your email for more details.

The Ensemble Festival first sectional rehearsal occurs February 1 at The Piano Company. Partners are reminded to rehearse together twice in private studios before coming to the sectional. Ideas for props should be emailed to Amy Work. Plants will decorate the stage. Drums, guitar, and flutes are additional instrumentation. Dress code is black and white. Seniors' biographies and pictures should be sent to Ellen Ortega. New teachers must send their bios and head shots to Maria Bokel. An e mail will be sent out to participating teachers this week with all performers listed so teachers can check all information for accuracy before the actual program is made.

Maria Baylock sent a harpsichord report. The harpsichord is currently at Jeri Bennett's home and will go to Maria's home next. If interested in a training workshop in spring of 2014, please contact Maria.

Kay Willett has the library and encourages members to request materials for loan.

Sharon thanked Music and Arts for hosting today's meeting and providing coffee and refreshments as well.

The next meeting is February 12 at the Herndon Friends House. The program will be about Baroque dances.

The meeting adjourned for fellowship and refreshment, followed by Sherri Stricker's presentation: "The Achievement Program of the Royal Conservatory."